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Applying The Atari

by Jeff Brenner

Puzzle Generator, Digitized Picture

This month's feature program is *PixMix*, a high-resolution puzzle generator. Not only is this an excellent way to show off your Atari's graphics capabilities, but it's real entertaining and challenging as well. And to test it out, we'll type in data for a digitized picture.

The 520ST

Apparently Jack Tramiel has the right touch. Atari says that by the end of 1985 it had shipped about 100,000 ST units, though many of these were to Europe. And Atari has had continued success with the 800XL and the newer 130XE. Many distributors have been selling the 130XE in a package with the 1050 disk drive, 1027 letter-quality printer and AtariWriter Plus for an incredible \$400. Indeed, 1986 looks like a very promising year for the new Atari.

Incidentally, out editor, Stan Veit, has told me that Computer Shopper plans to cover the 520ST in a separate column. Therefore, my "Applying The Atari" column will remain devoted to the Atari 400/800/XL/XE.

It's Never Too Late For Corrections

Those of you using the February 1985 Computer Assisted Study program may still have problems saving and loading question, and answer data, depending on what was residing in memory before Computer Assisted Study was run. To fix this for good, we can simply force the string memory to clear with the following line:

105 A\$(1) = CHR\$(0): A\$(FM) = CHR\$(0): A\$(2) = A\$

PixMix

Recently, I attended an Atari users group meeting in New York where several members displayed digitized images that they had captured with their Atari computers. A digitized image, for those of you unfamiliar with the term, is created when a signal from a video camera or videotape recorder is converted into numeric data that the computer can store. The computer

can then regenerate the video image to the limits of its graphics resolution. A slow-scan device, such as Ditital Visions' "ComputerEyes," is used to convert the video signal into the data that the computer can understand.

The idea of storing realistic images in my Atari was particularly exciting to me, and I set out to design a few routines for processing and modifying captured digital images. One of these routines enabled a block of the screen to be moved to another section of the screen. On one digitized image, I had plenty of on-screer fun rearranging a young woman's eyes and nose. In a few minutes the entire image was hopelessly scrambled and the idea for the PixMix Puzzle Machine instantly evolved.

PicMix turns any Graphics 8 format screen (Graphics 9 through 11, or Graphics 15 or "7.5", i.e. MicroPainter screens) into a 30-piece puzzle that you can mix up as much or as little as you like. Use the joystick to move the "pieces" around the screen to reconstruct the original image. Press the space bar when you get stuck and you'll see the completed puzzle for as long as you like. When you think that you've solved the puzzle, hit the START key and hope that you'll get the short, congratulatory tune instead of the low buzz that tells you to look more carefully.

The faster you complete the puzzle, the better your time and the higher your score. Pix-Mix is a great solitary game, but since a score is given, as many people as you like can compete against each other.

PixMix is listed under the "PixMix Puzzle Machine" heading and will run on any 8-bit Atari with a minimum of 40K RAM.

Sample Digitized Picture

Before you test out *PixMix*, you might want to type in and run the "Digitized Picture Data" program. This program creates a cassette or diskette file of a digitized picture of a watch. Since a full-resolution digitized Graphics 8 image is about 8K in data alone, we had to halve its vertical resolution so that it could be typed into the computer in a feasible amount of time. The image

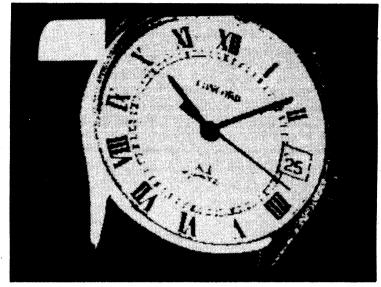
still looks realistic, though, and takes up the full length of the screen.

Using PixMix

When you RUN PixMix, the animated title screen will fall into place and the Atari will take a few seconds to set up the data and to load the machine language routines.

You'll be asked if you're using a cassette or diskette (press C or D). If you're using a diskette you'll be asked to enter the file name for the picture you want to load. To load the digitized watch file created with the "Digitized Picture Data" program, type "CLOCK.PIC" and press RETURN. If you want to load a picture from a diskette with several files on it, you can press RETURN to the "LOAD WHAT PICTURE FILE?" You'll then be shown each file on the diskette. To see the next file, press RETURN. To load the file that is displayed, press

The screen will remain blank until the picture is fully loaded. The picture will then



Digitized Picture of Watch

appear on the screen along with a flashing cursor. Photo I shows how the full-resolution watch picture looks like when it is loaded into *PixMix*. The light box in the upper left-hand corner of the screen is the cursor. Plug in a joystick and you can move the cursor to any part of the screen. The cursor was designed to be visible yet semi-transparent to the screen underneath, regardless of

whether you are using a color or a black and white screen.

By pressing the trigger, you can "pick up" any piece of the picture and move it to wherever you like. Try it: Push the joystick trigger. You'll hear a beep. Now when you move the cursor, the piece of screen that was under the cursor will

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Atari Help

by Jeff Brenner

In January's "Atari Help" column, Andrew Leo Eddings of Alabaster, AL had asked about memory expansion for the Atari 800XL. Since I was not familiar with the latest memory expansions available for the 800XL, I asked those readers who produced or were familiar with 800XL memory expansion to write. This month we will all learn about the latest memory expansion available, thanks to the many readers who responded to my call for help.

The treasurer of the Memphis Atari Systems Hobbyists was kind enough to give us a brief history of the recent activity in the 800XL memory expansion area. He writes:

Claus Buchholz published an article in the September 1985 issue of *BYTE* which described the use of 41256 256K-bit dynamic RAMs to expand the 800XL to a full 256K RAM! I built that modification (for under \$30.00) as have

many others. Unfortunately, it bank selected 32K pages (\$0000-\$7FFF) unlike both the 130XE and Axlon and Mosaic expansion mods for the older 800, which bank selects 16K. Buchholz's handler was modified by a Compuserve user named John Radigan. Then Tom Harker of ICD got together with Buchholz and developed a SpartaDOS-compatible ramdisk handler for the "256K XL." Now single, enhanced and double densities were supported but no existing software existed for this bank select scheme.

Enter ICD and CDY consulting. Harker (ICD) has introduced the "RAMBO XL" mod which, unlike the original Buchholz mod, allows both the 800XL and 1200XL to be expanded to 256K RAM plus providing the same 16K (\$4000-\$7FFF) selection as the 130XE. These mods produced a pseudo 130XE with 256K instead of 128K of banked memory. The ICD unit retails for \$49.95 without DRAMS and the CDY

upgrade sells for \$99.95 with DRAMS (although it too is available without DRAMS for much less).

With the minimal cost of 41256-150ns dynamic RAMs, Atari ought to give serious consideration to producing a "260XE" as both the manufacturing changes would be minimal and now there is little reason for XL owners to buy XEs! The modified XLs are the most powerful 8-bit Ataris in existence! Add two 50k-baud drives (ICD US Doubler or Happy-Modified 1050's) and the Supra Xebic 1410 based controller with a suitable 10MB hard drive and viola! Now what we need is a printer spooler program like that just released for the 520ST!

> Bob Allman Millington, TN

Thomas Harker, president of ICD (1220 Rock Street, Suite 310, Rockford, IL

Atari Book Reviews

by Jeff Brenner

Atari XL User's Handbook

Here's the book Atari should have included in the box with the Atari 800XL. The Atari XL User's Handbook, (360 pages, Weber Systems, Inc., 8437 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, OH 44026, \$15.95), was written by the staff of Weber Systems and covers a wealth of

topics ranging from an introduction of bits and bytes, to writing a joystick-controlled game program.

The first two chapters of this book provide an introduction to the XL computers inside and out. The various chips are discussed, including the 6502C microprocessor, Pokey, Antic and GTIA, as well as the keyboard and peripherals such as

the 1050 disk drive, printers and modems. An easy to understand section on setting up the XL and connecting the peripherals is the first thing an 800XL owner will want to turn to.

Chapter 3 contains an "Introduction to the Atari BASIC," which is particularly important, since a discussion of Atari BASIC was noticeably

lacking from the XL manual included with the computer. The chapter describes error messages, entering and editing a program with the Atari's special editing keys, and running, saving and loading the programs. Additional sections in this chapter cover strings, numeric data, variables, operators and the order of evaluation. The specifics of Atari BASIC are covered in the following two chapters, which focus on the input/output commands, variable arrays, mathematical functions, and file handling. The short sample programs provided are appropriate and demonstrate good applications of the commands being discussed. For example, Chapter 5 concludes with the construction of a simple database program that employs most of the file handling commands discussed previously in the chapter. My only complaint about this section of the book is that the authors should have gone into more detail on the peculiarities of the Atari's string handling, particularly in comparison to the string handling of Microsoft BASIC.

The graphics and sound of the Atari XI are introduced in Chapter 6. This is really the

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Atari Introduces 1040ST Sends 520ST To Chains



New Atari 1040ST Computer

Atari is now selling their new successful high performance personal computer, the 520ST, to mass market stores. Simultaneously, the company is introducing an even more powerful computer, the 1040ST (1024K), for exclusive distribution by computer specialty dealers.

In addition to the 520ST and over 150 ST software programs, Atari is showing several other new products, including a 130XE bundle consisting of the powerful 128K personal computer with mouse, printer, disk drive and five software titles, Silent Butler, Star Raiders, Music Painter, Paint, and AtariWriter, a word processing program--all for an expected retail price of \$399.

According to Atari president Sam Tramiel, "With the introduction at CES of exciting new products and programs, we are announcing that this is the 'new' Atari, a revitalized company with a clear claim to several market segments. We're the fastest-growing manufacturer of popularlypriced computers and the leading manufacturer of video games."

Consumer demand for the 520ST convinced Atari that the machine was suited for broad distribution channels. Atari executive vice president Michael V. Katz explained, "The 520ST is aimed at the computer user who wants to trade up to a 16-bit system. We think the 520ST is the right machine at the right price for this user."

Distinguished from its original design, the 520ST will have a built-in RF modulator; the basic unit will retail for under \$400. A bundled system comes complete with a 3.5-inch disk drive, mouse,

black-and-white monitor and four software packages for under \$700 and with color monitor for under \$900.

A growing software library is available for the ST computers, with 150 titles now in stores, and a minimum of 100 additional programs scheduled for release in the first quarter of the year. Over 1500 developers worldwide are doing development work on the ST computers, including such leading American companies as Spinnaker, Sierra On-Line and Activision.

Atari dealers are less enthusiastic about the announcement. One very active dealer said "This is the same Tramiel tactic used at Commodore, I am sick of doing his pioneering work only to have KMart reap the profit." Dealers feel that the existence of a cheap 520ST will dilute their sales.

Computereyes Graphics 9 Mode Compatibility For Atari Computer

Digital Vision, Inc., announces the availability of Graphics 9 Mode Compatibility Software to further enhance the performance and compatibility of its popular Computereyes Video Acquisition System. Computereyes is the company's innovative slowscan device that connects between any standard video source (video camera, videotape recorder, video disk, etc.) and the computer allows the user to acquire images into the high-res memory of the computer. Under simple software control the user can acquire images in either the Âtari Graphics 8 mode (highest resolution), or Graphics 7.5 mode (graphics tablet compatible) and now in the Graphics 9 mode.

In the Atari Graphics 9 mode, resolution is sacrificed for the ability to display 16 shades of true grey. COM-PUTER EYES images acquired in this mode are superb! (See screen photo of Graphics 9

mode acquired image). The Computereyes Graphics 9 Mode Compatibility Software includes all of the image capture routines and features of the standard software including save-to-disk capabilities so that the images may be loaded into other popular image manipulating and printing programs. The enhancement includes disk and users manual and is available for a nominal fee.

Computereyes is available for Atari 800/800XL/130XE computers, Commodore 64/128 computers, and the Apple II +, IIe, and IIc series computers. Versions for the Atari ST and IBM PC will be available in the early part of 1986.

For further information, review systems, photos, etc. pleast contact: Digital Vision, Inc., 14 Oak Street - Suite 2, Needham, MA 02192, 617-444-9040, 449-7160

Mention that you read about it in Computer Shopper.



ATARI ST

Atari 520ST Double Sided Boot Disks

by Bruce Laubenheimer Jr.

The Atari 520ST is shipped from the factory with a single sided (360K) boot disk. While this is not a problem for most users, it was for myself. One of the first equipment changes I made was to sell my single sided drive and purchase two of the SF314 double sided drives when they became available in August. Purchasing one of the double sided drives would have helped the situation to some extent; but, switching to identical drives prevented segmentation of my library in to both double sided and single sided formats. This change also allowed placement of the complete ALCYON compiler, linker and Micro EMACS on one disk with drive "B" used as a data disk for all of the temporary files. The only problem remaining was that the system boot code took up almost all of a single sided disk with the desk accessories and the TOS files. A double sided boot disk allows you to place most of the files used on a normal basis on one disk and lessens the possibility that the boot disk would have to be removed from Drive "A" each time the system was boot-

Generally a copy of a boot disk is made by using a sector copy. This is accomplished on the ST by selecting and dragging the source drive icon, to the destination drive icon. Sector copying may only be used if the source and destination drives are of the same configuration. Copying from single to double, double to single, or physical drive to RAM disk is not allowed in sector by sector mode. The exchange information between drives or disks of differing format requires the use of a file by file copying procedure. The obvious constraint to using this method is that the information must be in "file" form, and it must be in the disk directory. The boot sector may only be copied with sector copying, therefore a program had to be written allowing the transferrence of a single sided boot sector to a double sided disk.

The first step was to write a C program that would copy just the boot sector from one disk to another. As insignificant as this may seem, it allows new single sided boot disks to

be made without the fragmentation that occurs when a disk has had a number of files written to, and deleted from it. Generation of a "disk full" error code on a write operation, when the disk directory indicated that there was enough room for the new file, normally indicates some degree of fragmentation. Sector copying the whole disk will reproduce the data as well as the fragmentation. To make a clean boot disk, copy just the boot sector to the new disk, and use file by file copying for the rest of the information.

There are a few words of caution before the program discussion starts. These programs are not error trapped. Any major problems should be caught by the TOS low level routines, but there are no guarantees that those routines will prevent destruction of important data on the destination disk. These programs were written in a "quick and dirty" manner; obviously they are not as polished as commercial programs. I make no apologies for the lack of error trapping. When TOS becomes available on ROM there will be no need for a boot disk, and these programs are intended as an interim solution. If you do not feel confident in the use of these programs, do not use them without proper precautions. Those precautions being, write protect your source disk,

format your destination disk before starting, and make sure you write the proper type of boot sector to the disk.

What could go wrong? Writing a single sided boot sector to a single sided disk probably will not do any damage. Writing a single sided boot sector to a double sided disk will convert the new disk to single sided. If you do that to a double sided disk that already contains files, it will hopelessly scramble the directory as well as the files on the disk.

For the following discussion, refer to program listing number one. The first seven lines comprise a header, constructed from comment lines. This is used mainly as an indexing aid for storage of source code. The program actually begins with the #include statements. These statements instruct the C language preprocessor to include those header files with the source code while the program is being compiled.

The next statements are the variable declarations, which are a required part of the C language. The first batch of variables are declared to be integer, and are well documented as to usage in the source code. However, some of the choices for these variables do require some further explanation. The "disktype" variable:

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```
SS/DD Disk boot sector generator
#include <osbind.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int i. offset,
disktype = 2,
execflag = 1,
devno = 0,
sectno = 1,
trackn = 0,
sideno = 0,
count = 1;
                                          80 tracks single sided
Make the boot sector execut
Operations on the "A" disk
Sector number to write to
Track number to write to
Side number to write to
Number of sectors to write
long int filler, serialno = 0x1900000; /* Generate a random serial number */
 /* Apparently the Protobt function call likes new serial numbers */
intro()
     printf(" Boot sector generator for single sided disks printf(" by Bruce Laubenheimer Jr. 11/26/85 printf(" by Bruce Laubenheimer Jr. 11/26/85
                .
 wait_key()
      printf("\n*** Hit any key to continue ***\n\n");
Bconin(2);
      printf("Place a write protected system boot disk in drive A\n"):
      printf("*** Reading boot sector into memory ***\n\n");
     Floprd( &buffer, filler, devno, sectno, trackno, sideno, count);
write_boot_sector()
     Flopwr( &buffer, filler, devno, sectno, trackno, sideno, count);
    printf("*** Boot sector successfully written to new disk ***\n");
}
main()
     intro();
      read_boot_sector();
      Protobt( &buffer, serialno, disktype, execflag );
     write_boot_sector():
     wait_key();
```

Free Software For The Atari 520ST

by W. Rostek

Like all new machines, the Atari ST has been hampered by a lack of software. It's the standard Catch-22 of the micro computer industry. Computers are hard to sell without software, and you can't sell software unless there are a lot of computers in the hands of customers. Early Macintosh and IBM PC users are sure to remember the long wait between getting their computers and having the software selection that they now enjoy.

ST owners are now experiencing the same frustration, but it will be for a much shorter time. Software is showing up for the STs faster than it has for any previous micro. This

reflects the maturing of the personal computer industry. And the faith many software developers have in the future of the ST line.

While the majority of new and upcoming ST programs are destined for your local computer stores' shelves. There is already a respectable amount of public domain software. Yes, that's right, FREE programs. The number and quality of these programs is amazing, especially on a system as new as the Atari 520ST. Three of the PD programs really stands out in the crowd and would be a welcome addition to any software collection. Free or not, ST Writer, NEOchrome, and Megariods are good programs.

As the name implies ST Writer is a word processing program for the ST. What is surprising is that ST Writer is an updated version of Atari Writer. Atari Writer, as many of you know, is one of the most popular word processing programs for the 8-bit Atari systems. The ST version has all the features of its predecessor with a few enhancements. Not the least being the STs 80 column display. A vast improvement over the 40 columns that the older machines have.

The program starts by presenting you with a menu of more or less standard word processing options. Such as Create File, Delete File, Edit File, Load File, Print File, Save File, Index of Files, and Quit. All normal and fairly obvious commands.

But added to these are a few different ones. Format Disk, which is a very nice option allows you to format a blank disk without exiting the program. This can come in very handy if you have spent a long time creating a file and then realize that you didn't have a formatted disk to save it to, or are out of room on your working disk. Granted this shouldn't happen if you think ahead but it's nice to have just the same.

HIRES Flip-Flop, switches the Hi res. display between 22 lines and 37 lines. This allows users with the monochrome

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- -1 = Leave the existing disk type information alone.
- 0 = 40 tracks single sided (IBM 180K)
- 1 = 40 tracks double sided (IBM 360K)
- 2 = 80 tracks single sided (ATARI SF354 360K)
- 3 = 80 tracks double sided (ATARI SF314 720K)

The "execflag" variable:

- -1 = Leave the existing execute flag alone.
- 0 = Non executable boot sector.
 - 1 = Executable boot sector.

The "devno" variable, 0 = Drive A, 1 = Drive B.

The next declarations in this program are for long integer type variables. The "filler" variable is just an unused long word in both the sector read and sector write XBIOS function calls. The "serialno" variable is set to a hex value of one million, this forces the boot sector protyping function call

DS/DD Disk boot sector generator

by Bruce Laubenheimer Jr. 11/27/85

static char

intro()

wait key()

set double()

to generate a new 24 bit random serial number. If "serialno" is set to a value of -1, the documentation states that the existing disk serial number will not be changed. So far, the only way to reliably create boot sectors is to allow the protyping function to generate a new serial number each time.

The char declaration allocates a character array named buffer to \$200 to 512 bytes, which is the size of one sector. This is the area that the boot sector information will be stored.

The "intro" function just prints a display on the screen as a reminder of which program is currently running. The 'waitkey" function uses a BIOS function call to await a keypress at the console. One note: in the ATARI ST BASIC sourcebook, the keyboard is listed as device 4 for both the INP and OUT commands. Use device 2 (the console) to get keystrokes, device 4 is the intelligent keyboard controller.

The "readbootsector" function reads a boot sector from a single sided disk and stores it in

/* 80 tracks double sided
/* Hake the boot sector executable
/* Operations on the "A" disk drive
/* Sector number to write to
/* Track number to write to
/* Side number to write to
/* Number of sectors to write

/* Set up defaults for prototypical double sided boot sector

media[1] = { 0xF9 };

buffer[Øx13] = sectors[Ø]; buffer[Øx14] = sectors[1];

buffer[0x15] = media[0];

buffer[0x1A] = sides[0]; buffer[0x1B] = sides[1];

printf("\n\n\n");

write_boot_sector()

wait_key();

main()

intro();

wait_key();

/* Two byte character arrays are in low byte / high byte order */

Apparently the Protobt function call likes new serial numbers *,

printf("|------|\n");
printf("|-------|\n");
printf("| Boot sector generator for double mided disks \\n");

printf("\n*** Hit any key to continue ***\n\n");
Bconin(2);

printf("*** Reading boot sector into memory ***\n\n");

Protobt(&buffer, serialno, disktype, execflag);

Boot sector generator for double sided disks

printf("Place a write protected system boot disk in drive A\n"):

Floprd(&buffer, filler, devno, sectno, trackno, sideno, count);

Flopwr(&buffer, filler, devno, sectno, trackno, sideno, count);

printf("*** Boot sector sucessfully written to new disk ***\n");

by Bruce Laubenheimer Jr. 11/27/85

sides[2] = { 0x02, 0x00 }; /* Double sided media

the character array named buffer. The "protobt" or prototype boot function in the main function of this program manipulates specific bytes of the boot sector allowing it to become executable. The actual boot code is not changed, the only things that are changed in this case are the disk serial number in the sector header, and the checksum word at location \$1FE in the first sector. For a boot sector to be executable, it must checksum to the magic vale of \$1234. The 'writebootsector" function takes the new boot sector that has been prototyped in memory and writes it to a single sided disk.

To use this program, compile and link with the Alcyon C package and rename the file to BOOTIS.TOS. Format a single sided disk before you run the program. When the program is run, you will be prompted to insert your boot disk into drive A. Once that is completed, press any key and the boot sector will be read into memory. The program will prompt you to insert a formatted disk into drive A, press any key and the boot sector will be written to the new disk. The program should print a successful completion message and after another keystroke, it will return you to the GEM desktop. At that time, drag the TOS.IMG file by itself to the new disk, and then any other files that you wish to have on the disk. This procedure assures that the TOS.IMG file is the first one on the disk and is the configuration which gives the fastest system boot up time.

Now look at table number 1. This is an overview of the space allocation and the defaults that are found in a standard 520ST boot sector. You will notice

that the only things that are different between single and double sided disks are: the total number of bytes per disk, the media descriptor, and the number of sides on the media. Although, the media descriptor byte is documented as being unused, it is not the same on each type of disk.

Program listing number 2 is the logical extension of program 1. The additional code declares three static character arrays and a new function named "setdouble." The purpose of this code is to define the new double sided disk parameters, and then write them into the appropriate locations of the prototyping buffer. The "protobt" function call then generates a new random 24 bit serial number, computes the sector checksum and adjusts the checksum word at locations \$1FE. The new sector will now checksum to the magic value of \$1234 and will be executable.

Compile and link as was done with program 1. Rename the file to BOOT2S.TOS. Before the program is run, format a double sided disk. This program runs as did the first one, except you will be prompted to insert a double sided disk on which the boot sector is to be written. Good luck. The programs do work and as a side benefit, the double sided boot disks boot up considerably faster than a single sided boot disk. This is mainly due to a reduction in disk access times directly related to the disk drive stepper motor response time.

The executable form of these programs as well as the C source code is available from the National ST Users Group, 3650 Sand Court, Mims, FL 32754; BBS number (305) 383-1413.

static char sectors[2] = { 0xA0, 0x05 }; /* 1040 double sided sectors /* Unused? single sided is F8 */ /* Place the new sector parameters in the buffer Table 1 printf("Please place a formatted double sided disk that you wish to\n"); printf("have a boot sector written on, in drive A. (non-protected)\n\r");

Bytes Nomenclature SS DS ========= \$00 & \$01 Branch to boot code \$60.\$38 Same \$Ø2 - \$Ø7 Loader reserved bytes "Loader' Same \$Ø8 - \$ØA Volume serial number Unique Same \$ØB & \$ØC Bytes per sector (512) \$00,\$02 Same \$ØD Sectors per cluster \$02 * Same \$ØE & \$ØF Reserved sectors \$01,\$00 Same \$10 Number of FATS \$Ø2 \$11 & \$12 Directory entries \$70.\$00 \$13 & \$14 Total sectors on media \$DØ.\$Ø2 \$AØ.\$Ø5 Media type (unused) **\$F8 \$F9** \$16 & \$17 Sectors per FAT \$05,\$00 \$18 & \$19 Sectors per track \$09,\$00 \$1A & \$1B Sides on media \$Ø1.\$ØØ \$Ø2,\$ØØ \$1C & \$1D Hidden sectors (unused) Same \$1E - \$1FD; Reserved for boot code NA \$1FE - \$1FF! Checksum word See text Same ------

ATARI 520ST Boot sector usage and defaults

Note: all values are in Low byte / High byte order

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monitor to get more text on the screen. People with color monitors have to stay with the 22 line screen.

Transform colors reverse screen colors black to white and vice-versa. This allows the user to pick which he or she prefers, white letters on a black screen or black on white. Those with color monitors can also preset the text and background colors before starting an editing session. The nice thing about the ability to flipflop the background and text colors is that it helps to relieve eye strain during long editing sessions. It's amazing how a little thing like this can make a program so much nicer to use.

The last menu option shows that Atari hasn't forgotten the 8-bit Atari users who are moving into the 16-bit systems. This is Receive file from 850. Which allows people with a lot of Atari Writer files on their old system a simple method of transferring them to their STs. They even tell you how to construct the necessary cable in the ST Writer documentation.

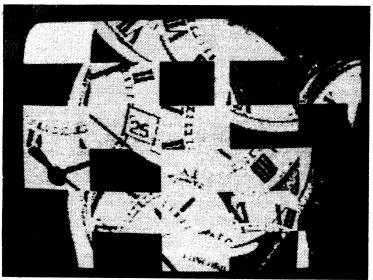
The editing features of the program are powerful and easy to use. Block moves, deletes, search, search and replace (with or without Query), underlining, subscripts, and superscripts. All are done with just a few keystrokes.

The only main feature missing is the availability to work on two or more documents simultaneously, via multiple editing windows. You can merge files together, then use the block moves and block deletes to do the same thing, but it's not as convenient. Also lacking is a good mail-merge system. They do provide a way to do it but it's clumsy and not one of the strong points of the program.

Also lacking are any of the advanced GEM features available on the ST. No drop-down menus or any other form of on screen help. All on screen text is displayed in the default text font, and no on screen boldface or underline.

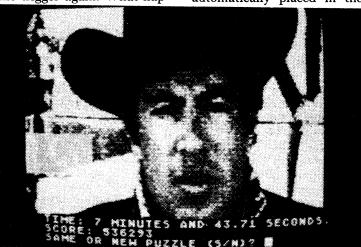
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Mixed-up Digitized image

move with it! You can now place this piece of screen down wherever you like by pressing the trigger again. What happens to the section of the image that you just covered with the moved piece, you ask? It is automatically placed in the



A solved puzzle

The Space Bar

blank space that the original

piece was taken from. Hence,

when you move one piece to

another, the two exchange

Scrambling The Screen Now for the fun stuff. When you press and hold down the OPTION key, the image on the screen will be mixed up. The longer you hold down the OP-TION key, the more the pieces of the picture will be mixed up. Photo 2 shows the picture of the watch after a few seconds of scrambling. When you release the OPTION key, the timer starts. Now use the joystick to put the picture back

places.

together.

At any time while solving the puzzle, you can press and hold down the space bar to see the completed puzzle. When you release the space bar, your unsolved puzzle will return to the screen. The space bar is particularly useful when you first start solving the puzzle, since it allows you to check that you're putting the pieces in their correct positions.

Solving The Puzzle

As soon as you think you've solved the puzzle, press the START key. If your Atari responds with a menacing buzz, you'll know that you've left some pieces out of place. A short, pleasant melody tells you when you've correctly solved the puzzle, and your time and score will be displayed. Photo 3 shows a puzzle that has just been solved. The time was 7 minutes and 43.71 seconds.

After a puzzle has been solved, you are given the option of trying the same puzzle again, or a new one. If you're playing with a group of people, you'll want each person to try to get the best score on the same puzzle, since each puzzle varies in complexity and difficulty.

Hints and Strategies

Naturally, it's a good idea to look for recognizable pieces when you begin solving a puzzle. For example, if the puzzle is the face of a person, you'll want to look for the eyes and get those into place before continuing with the rest of the puzzle. In the watch picture, the Roman numerals are of great help in putting the picture together, which is why this puzzle is particularly well suited for beginners.

You'll find that some pictures make easy puzzles, while others make incredibly difficult puzzles. Generally, the more defined and clear the original image is, the easier the puzzle will be to solve. In any case, the more you solve a particular

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only chapter that disappointed me. The many Atari graphics modes are only briefly discussed, and the sound command is hurriedly mentioned in a few brief paragraphs. I suspect that the authors did not feel it was necessary to spend the time that a more complete consideration of the Atari's graphics and sound capabilities would entail. But considering the amount of space given to other topics in the book and the significance of the Atari's graphics and sound capabilities, this section is very much incomplete.

A separate chapter on DOS usage will be a welcome relief to new Atari owners mystified by DOS. A detailed explanation of each of the commands of DOS 2 and the infamous DOS 3 appear in this chapter, along with a generous number of examples.

Chapter 8 may prove to be the most useful for those learning to use Atari BASIC. This chapter is an Atari BASIC Reference Guide and lists each command of Atari BASIC along with a description and an example of its use. In this chapter, the authors partially redeem themselves for their lack of Chapter 6 graphics information, in part by devoting more than ten pages to the COLOR statement. Unfortunately, the sound statement is still neglected here.

The appendices of the Atari XL User's Handbook provide an explanation of error messages, a chart of Atari ASCII character set, pinouts for the monitor, serial I/O and joystick jacks, and a listing of important peek and poke locations on the Atari.

Overall, the Atari XL User's Handbook is a well-written, practical handbook that contains lots of practical information for new users of the Atari XL computers. The only thing lacking is a discussion of the sound capabilities and graphics wonders of the Atari computers, such as player missile graphics, scrolling and display lists. However, the superficial coverage of graphics and sound is greatly compensated by the wide range of other topics that are so thoroughly covered in this book. At \$15.95, the Atari XL User's Handbook will prove itself to be a wise investment for the Atari XL owner.

Atari XE User's Handbook

Also published by Weber Systems, Inc. and equally excellent is the Atari XE User's Handbook. This handbook is nearly identical to the Atari XL User's Handbook but covers DOS 2.5 instead of DOS 3, and includes a chapter on "Advanced Memory Concepts" that discusses bank-switching and how to access the 130XE's extra 64K of memory in BASIC programs. In addition, the section on DOS 2.5 discusses the RAMdisk and its use on the 130XE.

While the 130-page manual included with the 130XE makes it much less crucial to buy a handbook such as Atari XE User's Handbook, 130XE owners will still appreciate the additional topics covered in this book and the easy to understand format in which these topics are presented.

Presenting The Atari ST

This is the first in a series of books on the Atari 520ST from Abacus Software (P.O. Box 7211, Grand Rapids, MI 49510). Presenting the Atari ST was written by L. English and J. Halkowiak and was originally published in Germany by Data Becker.

This 197-page book begins with an introduction of the registers and the instruction set of the 68000, the microprocessor of the Atari 520ST. The next chapter covers the architecture of the Atari ST, taking the reader from the RAM and ROM layout of the ST, to the peripheral interfaces (floppy disk, printer, hard disk, DMA, serial RS 232, MIDI, joystick and video interfaces). Included in this chapter is a detailed discussion of the ST's multifunction peripheral chip (the MFP 68901) and the sound capabilities.

Additional chapters in the book cover the ST's own operating system, CP/M, GEM and the mouse, and programming languages. A special chapter on LOGO presents a simple introduction of the commands of this language.

Presenting the Atari ST provides a general overview of a wide range of topics on the 520ST, but it should be stressed that this is not a hands-on guide. Most of the information is presented in a very general manner, with few examples or sample programs. The few sample programs that are included in the book are used to illustrate the 68000 instruction set, and are therefore in assembly language. But for those wishing to learn more about the 520ST before buying, or those who want to get a general understanding of the various aspects of this machine before diving into technical notes and programming books, Presenting The Atari 520ST is a good choice, especially since it is one of the few sources of general information on this new machine.









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61101-1437), writes that ICD's RAMBO XL upgrade "is indeed 130XE compatible in the CPU mode. A computer fitted with this upgrade can run the DOS 2.5 RAMdisk, BASIC XE, PaperClip word processor, and Synfile +, as if it was the 130XE." CDY's upgrade is similarly compatible (CDY, 421 Hanbee, Richardson, TX 75080). Garrett Computing (117 Drury Lane, Slidell, LA 70460) offers yet another "Quarter Megabyte Atari 800XL" upgrade for \$59.95, which includes RAMs. Dan Garrett says his upgrade runs "some 130XE software" although he doesn't mention whether his upgrade performs 16K or 32K bank switching.

I suspect that all of these 256K upgrades were based on Claus Buchholz's original article in BYTE, "The Quarter-Meg Atari," but modified to perform 16K bank switching to make it compatible with the 130XE. I should stress that t hese upgrades are not completely-130XE compatible. The 130XE has the ability to control whether the 6502 or Antic (or both) sees the extra RAM banked through locations \$4000 through \$7FFF. This permits, for example, a graphics screen to reside in the Atari's normal memory between \$4000 and \$7FFF while a RAMDISK is in operation. The above mentioned 256K upgrades forgo this feature for the ability to bank in the additional 128K of memory. In most cases, the screen memory is above location \$7FFF and there is no problem. But programs that place graphics data between locations \$4000 and \$7FFF will not work properly. Similarly, some 800 or 800XL programs that utilize this memory area for graphics will not work properly unless the additional RAM is disabled (i.e. not using a RAMDISK).

For those of you have read Claus Buceholz's article in BYTE and are comfortable with soldering or have a friend who will help you out (an Atari users group member, for example) Claus has prepared a special treat for us: A modification to his original article that uses 16K bank switching like the 130XE. It is 130XE compatible except as mentioned earlier. Claus writes:

"The procedure for this upgrade is basically the same as in the article except for the following points: If your Antic (U7) part number is CO21697, use the circuit of the figure [Figure 1], excluding the area inside the dotted lines. If it is



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Certainly make use of the space bar, not only when you start solving a puzzle, but near the end too when you may easily miss those few pieces that are out of place. By pressing and releasing the space bar, you can flip back and forth between the original image and your puzzle screen so that any differences become visible

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"With the 256K dynamic RAMs in your XL, be sure to

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Lansing, Michigan. Figure 1 shows the parts list, the memory control register, and the schematic diagram.

Other upgrades: Inspired by Claus Buchholz's article. David G. Byrd (1513 Commanche Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109) has written a public domain article, "The Atari 800-Plus 256K," which gives 288K total memory for the Atari 800.

Tiny Tek (Rt. 1, Box 795, Quinlan, TX 75474) still offers its 48/52K upgrade for the Atari 400. "Sandy" Sandberg of Azure Electronics (1020 Price St. "E," Pismo Beach, CA 93449) writes of the Tiny Tek board "I have been installing these boards for customers

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for several years. Please inform your readers of this memory replacement board which makes the 400 actually have a larger memory than the 800 (unexpanded) due to the hidden 4K at \$C000 to \$CFFF.

In response to Robert Harren's question on interfacing his Atari to a shortwave communications receiver (in the January 1986 "Atari Help") Bob Allman and Patrick Campbell wrote to recommend an article published in the November 1985 issue of ANTIC, "Morse Code Receiver by Steve Stuntz." Bob also suggests a look at the December 1985 issue of 73 for Radio Amateurs, which published another one-chip tone detector circuit for facsimile transmissions.

My thanks to all readers who wrote in to Help including R.J. Allman of M.A.S.H. (Millington, TN), Patrick Campbell (Birmingham, AL), Dan Garrett of Garrett Computing (Slidell, LA) Thomas Harker of ICD (Rockford, IL), John Kirkpatrick of Caledonia Enterprises (Sumter, SC), Dick Litchfield of STATUS (Virginia Beach, VA), S.D. Martin (Washington D.C.), Newell Industries (Wylie, TX), "Sandy" Sandberg (Pismo Beach, CA), and Jeffrey R. Wilson of SSI Software (Orem, UT).

Q. Thanks for a great column in Computer Shopper. I have several questions about the 800XL:

1) I cannot get the Microprose Solo Flight to load. The program will go as far as the title screen and freeze up. I've tried every combination of switch (down, up, same time) I can think of. That Atari Translator doesn't do anything

either. 2) I have a Microperipheral Corp. modem. The problem is I cannot locate any software that will access this modem. The only software that works is the one that came with it that I typed in. I have tried Amodem, HomeTerm, etc. and they all give me a modem error.

3) Last question: Is the keypad program for 11/85 for the external keypad that connects to the joystick ports?

H. Wayne Shiver

Powder Springs, GA

A. We didn't have any trouble loading Solo Flight on our 800XL. You should only need to hold down the OPTION key while you turn on your computer (with the diskette in the disk drive). The translator disk is not needed. If you continue to have problems, it could be your diskette. Contact Micro-Prose for a replacement (10616 Beaver Dam Road, Hunt Val-

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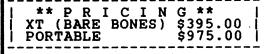
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ley, MD 21030, 301-667-1151). Regarding your question about software for the MPP modem series, several programs that support this modem are in the public domain. These include MSCOPE MPP, which lets you download from CompuServe, VT100 Terminal Emulator, which features an 80-column, DEC-compatible display, and HomePak Customizer Disk which includes a special handler for the MPP modem. Your local users group may have these programs available, or a friend can download them for you from an Atari BBS. ANTIC (524 Second St., San Francisco, CA 94107) also offers these on diskette for \$10.00 per pro-

November's Keypad pro-

gram is indeed for the Atari CX85 keypad that plugs into the joystick ports. I have more information on this keypad planned for future months.

O. The joystick ports on the XL are able to supply a + 5vdcswitched output to an external device. I remember reading this at some time, but do not remember the details; and whatever the publication, it is now long gone. Would you

know how to control this out-

A. David Alan Hayes' article, "Control Your Environment with the Atari 400/800, (BYTE, July 1983) is exactly what you are looking for, and I have recommended this wellwritten article in the past. You can probably find it in your local library. David discusses using the four joystick ports on the Atari 400 or 800, but what is said also applies to the two joystick ports on the XL/XE units. (Incidentally, the XL and XE machines use the other two ports internally to control the switching in and out of RAM and ROM, and to specify the memory banks on the 130XE.)

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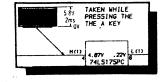
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1 20 REM CDPYRIGHT 1986 JEFF BRENNER
1 30 DIM PM\$(176),C1\$(48),C2\$(48),TEMP\$(25),FILE\$(25),A\$(10),B\$(10)
1 40 DPEN \$1,4,6,"K:":GOSUB 160
1 50 C1\$=PM\$:C1\$(17)=CHR\$(255):C1\$(32)=CHR\$(255)
1 60 C1\$=PM\$:C1\$(17)=CHR\$(255):C1\$(32)=CHR\$(255)
1 60 C1\$(18,31)=C1\$(17,32):C1\$(LEN(C1\$)+1)=PM\$
1 70 DIM GT\$(57),PT\$(53),SCR\$(7680),MOVE\$(56),CMP\$(65),SWAP\$(62),CIO\$(7)
1 80 GOSUB 930:DIM P\$(320),HOLD\$(320):P\$(320)=CHR\$(0)
1 90 POKE 106,PEEK(196)=16:GRAPHICS 24:GOSUB 720:J=PEEK(88)+256*PEEK(89)
1 90 POKE 106,PEEK(196)=16:GRAPHICS 24:GOSUB 720:J=PEEK(88)+256*PEEK(89)
1 100 DATA 104,162,6,160,138,169,7,76,92,228,165
1 120 DATA 20,41,247,141,192,2,76,98,228
1 130 PM=PEEK(106):PDKE 54279,PM:POKE 53277,3:POKE 53248,0
1 140 V=PEEK(134)+256*PEEK(135):A=PEEK(140)+256*PEEK(141):OS=PM*256+512-6
1 150 H=INT(OS/256):L=OS-H8256*POKE V+2,L:POKE V+3,H:GOSUB 160*GOTO 170
1 160 PM\$(1)=CHR\$(0):PM\$(7-47,Y+48)=C1\$:POKE 53256,3
1 100 DIM JX(10),JY(10)

186 DIM JX (16) . JY (16)

UAJ 188 DIM JX(18),JY(18)
FAJ 198 RESTORE 288:FOR I=8 TO 9:READ X1,Y1:JX(I)=X1:JY(I)=Y1:NEXT I
FUJ 288 DATA 32,16,32,-16,32,8,8,8,-32,16,-32,-16,-32,8,8,8,8,16,8,-16,8,8
NDJ 218 GRAPHICS 8+32:GOSUB 728
PNJ 228 TEMP\$="":CLOSE #3:PRINT "CASSETTE OR DISKETTE (C/D)? ";
OWJ 238 GET 81,D:PRINT CHR\$(D):IF DC67 OR D>68 THEN 228
PNJ 248 IF D=68 THEN PRINT "LOAD WHAT PICTURE FILE? D:";:INPUT \$16;TEMP\$
EHJ 258 IF LEN(TEMP\$) OR DC>68 THEN 348
PUJ 268 TRAP 338:PRINT "DIRECTORY (PRESS RETURN OR Y)":OPEN \$2,6,8,"D:\$.*"
NRJ 278 INPUT \$2;FILE\$:IF FILE\$(2,2)<>CHR\$(32) THEN 338
VUJ 288 A\$=FILE\$(1,18):PRINT A\$;",";FILE\$(11,13):"?";CHR\$(32);
BCJ 298 GET \$1,N:PRINT CHR\$(N):IF N<>89 THEN 278
CCJ 388 IF A\$(LEN(A\$))=CHR\$(32) THEN A\$==\$4\$(1,LEN(A\$)-1):GOTO 388
ETJ 318 TEMP\$-A\$(3):TEMP\$(LEN(TEMP\$)+1)=".":TEMP\$(LEN(TEMP\$\$)+1)=FILE\$(11)
WOJ 328 CLOSE \$2:GOTO 348

320 CLOSE #2:60TO 340

| 318 | TEMPS-84(3):TEMPS(LEN(TEMPS)+1)=".":TEMPS(LEN(TEMPSP+1)=FILES(1)
| 328 | CLOSE #2:60TD 348
| 338 | TRAP 40000:PRINT :CLOSE #2:GOTD 240
| 338 | FILES=CHRS(D):FILES(2,2)=":":FILES(LEN(FILES)+1)=TEMPS
| 350 | POKE 881,0:TRAP 220:OPEN #3,4,0,FILES
| 350 | H=INT(ADR(SCRS)/255):L=ADR(SCRS)-H8255:PDKE 884,L:PDKE 885,H
| 370 | POKE 888,0:PDKE 889,30:PDKE 882,7:A=USR(ADR(CIOS),48):CLOSE #3
| 380 | FRAP 40000:A=USR(ADR(MOVES),ADR(SCRS))
| 390 | GRAPHICS 8+16+32:GOSUB 720:PDKE 53248,48
| 400 | POKE 18,0:PDKE 19,0:PDKE 20,0:TF=0
| 418 | I=0:D=STICK(0)-5:IF D=10 THEN S40
| 420 | SQUADD 3,0,1,0:SQUAD 3,0,1,0:SGUAD 3,0,1,0:FDKE 77,0
| 430 | X=X+JX(D):Y=Y+JY(D):IF X<48 THEN X=176
| 440 | IF X>176 THEN X=48
| 450 | IF Y<48 THEN Y=128:GOSUB 160
| 460 | IF Y>128 THEN Y=48:GOSUB 160
| 470 | IF HOLDS="" THEN FOR DL=1 TO 14:NEXT DL
| 490 | POKE 53248,X
| 490 | POKE 53248,X
| 490 | IF LEN(HOLDS)=0 THEN 540

500 IF LEN(HOLDS)=0 THEN 540

ONJ 510 A=USR(ADR(PT\$), ADR(P\$),S)
OLJ 520 S=J+(X-48)/4+(Y-48)*80:A=USR(ADR(GT\$),ADR(P\$).S) 530 A=USR(ADR(PT\$),ADR(HOLD\$),5)

153 M = USK(HUK(FTS), HUR(HULUS), 5)
163 TAB SQUIND 0,0,0,6:IF PEEK(764)=33 THEN GOSUB 730
0JJ 550 FL=0:IF PEEK(53279)=3 THEN GOSUB 660
ENJ 550 IF PEEK(53279)=6 THEN GOSUB 760
ENJ 570 IF STRIG(0) THEN 410
LYJ 580 SOUND 0,0,6,6
AGJ 570 S=J+(X-48)/4+(Y-48)*80:IF HOLD\$="" THEN 620
ENJ 670 HURD\$="" THEN 820; 0=160(0)00(0)00,0,6

": IF S<>OS THEN S=OS: A=USR(ADR(PT\$).ADR(P\$).S) 61Ø GOTO 64Ø

620 DS-5:A-USR(ADR(GT\$).ADR(P\$).S) 630 HOLD\$=P\$:P\$=CHR\$(0):P\$(320)=CHR\$(0):P\$(2)=P\$ 640 IF STRIG(0)=0 THEN 640

660 XX=INT(RND(0) \$5): YY=INT(RND(0) \$6): S=J+XX\$8+YY\$1280

660 XX=1NT(RND(0)*5):YY=1NT(RND(0)*6):S=)+XX*8+YY*1280
670 IF FL=0 THEN FL=1:A=LUSR(ADR(6T\$),ADR(P\$),S):S1=S:HDLD*=P*;GDTO 660
680 A=USR(ADR(GT*),ADR(P*),S):A=USR(ADR(PT*),ADR(P*),S1):S1=S
690 IF PEEK(53279)=3 THEN 660
700 IF TF=0 THEN TF=1:PDKE 18,0:PDKE 19,0:PDKE 20,0:SDUND 0,11,12,10
710 A=USR(ADR(PT*),ADR(HOLD*),S1):HDLD*="":RETURN

71Ø A=USR (ADR (PT*), ADR (HOLD*), \$1):HOLD*="":RETURN
72Ø POKE \$59, 46:POKE 710, Ø:POKE 16, 64:POKE 53774, 64:POKE 764, 255:RETURN
73Ø A=USR (ADR (SWAP*), ADR (SCR*))
74Ø IF PEEK (\$3775) = 251 THEN 74Ø
75Ø POKE 764, 255:A=USR (ADR (SWAP*), ADR (SCR*)):RETURN
76Ø A=USR (ADR (CMP*), ADR (SCR*)):IF PEEK (2Ø8) = Ø THEN 78Ø
77Ø SOUND Ø, 45, 6, 8:FOR I=1 TO 10Ø:NEXT I:SOUND Ø, Ø, Ø:RETURN
78Ø TM= (PEEK (2Ø) +2564PEEK (19) +2564PEEK (18)) /60 -Ø.21:RESTORE 82Ø
79Ø FOR I=Ø TO 3:READ N:FOR V=12 TO Ø STEP -1:SOUND I,N,1Ø,V:NEXT V
88Ø NEXT I:FOR I=53761 TO 53767 STEP 2
81Ø POKE I,166:NEXT I:FOR I=1 TO 9Ø:POKE 712, I:NEXT I
82Ø DATA 243,193,162,121
83Ø SOUND 1,29,1Ø,8:SOUND 3,11,1Ø,8:POKE 71Ø,12:FOR I=1 TO 10Ø:NEXT I
84Ø POKE 71Ø,Ø:POKE 712,Ø:FOR I=0 TO 3:SOUND 1,Ø,Ø:NEXT I
85Ø GRAPHICS 8+32:GOSUB 72Ø:PRINT CHR* (125); "TIME: ";:POKE 559,46
86Ø M=INT (TM/6Ø):S=TM-M86Ø

85# GRAPHICS 8+32:GOSUB 72#:PRINT CHR*(125; "TIME: ";:POKE 559,46
86# M=INT(TM/6#):S=TM-M*6#
87# PRINT M; "MINUTES AND ";INT(\$18#.5)/19#;" SECONDS."
88# PRINT "SCORE: ";INT((10##-TM)*16##.5)/19#;" SECONDS."
88# PRINT "SAME OR NEW PUZZLE (S/N)? ";:GET #1,N:PRINT CHR*(N)
98# IF N<83 AND N<>78 THEN 89#
91# IF N=78 THEN 22#
92# A=USR(ADR(MOVE*),ADR(SCR*)):GOTO 39#
93# POKE 559,@:RESTORE 94#:FOR I=1 TO 57:READ N:GT*(I,I)=CHR*(N):NEXT I
94# DATA 184,133,205,104,133,204,104,133,207,184,133,206,162,32,16#
95# DATA 7,177,206,145,204,169,0;145,206,136,16,245,24,165,206,105
96# DATA 4#,133,206,165,2#7,105,0;133,2#7,165,2#4,195,8,133,2#4,165
97# DATA 295,185,0;133,205,202,208,215,96

970 DATA 205,105,0,133,205,202,208,215,96 980 GOSUB 1210:FOR I=1 TO 53:READ N:PT\$(I,I)=CHR\$(N):NEXT I

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Free Software continued from page 66

Megariods is an ST version of the arcade classic Asteroids, that runs in both high and medium res. It was written by Mike and Mitch Bunnell of Megamax Inc. As a demonstration program for their Megamax C compiler. This is an excellent rendition of the arcade game. With outstanding 3-D astroids and good sound effects. Its not as good as the arcade version of the game it's better.

You can get Megariods from the same places that you get either ST Writer or NEOchrome. But you can't get the source code for ST Writer or NEOchrome anywhere (unless you have unscrupulous friends at Atari). You can however get the C source code for Megariods (hard copy listing only) by sending \$25 to Megamax at the address below. If properly commented it should prove invaluable as a learning aid in mastering C on the ST.

Megamax Inc. P.O. Box 851521 Richardson, TX 75085-1521 ATT: ST Megariods Source (214) 987-4931

The Megamax C compiler can also be ordered from the same address for \$199.95. The advertising copy for the compiler sounds impressive. Full K&R plus common extensions. It features full floating point, one pass compilation optimized for 68000, smart linker, librarian, dynamic overlays, creates stand alone ST applications, in-line assembly language, batch facilities, and no license fees. However, until we see the compiler ourselves, we can't say if it is as good as it sounds. But one thing for user it was capable of creating one great program in Megariods.

The public domain library for the ST contains many more than just these three programs. To get the most out of your investment in a 520ST it would behoove you to be aware of the excellent software available free for the asking. The best way to do this is to join a users group. The local ST UG already has nine disks full of public domain stuff, with more programs being added every week. Some other groups have much larger collections.

No you won't find a free program to fill your every need. But it will surprise you to know just how many good programs there are. And communicating with other users is one of the best ways to get an unbiased opinion of any commercial packages you are interested in. As always the Computer Shopper will try to keep you up to date. But the more sources of information you have the better off you will be.

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1010 DATA 207,105,0,133,207,165,204,105,8,133,204,165,205,105,0,133 1030 FOR I=1 TO 56:READ N:MOVE\$(I,I)=CHR\$(N):NEXT I 1836 FOR I=1 TO 56:READ N:MOVE%(I,I)=CHR%(N):NEXT I
1848 DATA 184,184,133,285,184,133,284,165,88,133,286,165,89,133,287,162
1858 DATA 192,168,39,177,284,145,286,136,16,249,24,165,284,185,48,133
1868 DATA 284,165,285,185,8,133,285,24,165,286,185,48,133,286,165,287
1878 DATA 185,8,133,287,282,288,218,96
1888 FOR I=1 TO 65:READ N:CMP%(I,I)=CHR%(N):NEXT I
1898 DATA 184,184,133,285,184,133,284,165,81,33,286,165,88,133,286,165
1189 DATA 89,133,287,162,192,168,39,177,284,289,286,288,33,136,16,247
1110 DATA 24,165,284,185,48,133,284,165,285,185,8,133,285,24,165,288,138
1128 DATA 185,48,133,286,165,287,185,8,133,287,282,288,216,96,238,288,96
1138 FOR I=1 TO 62:READ N:SMAP%(I,I)=CHR%(N):NEXT I
1148 DATA 184,184,133,285,184,133,284,165,88,133,286,165,89,133,287,162
1158 DATA 192,168,39,177,284,72,177,286,145,284,164,145,286,135,16,16,243
1168 DATA 185,48,133,286,165,287,185,8133,286,165,89,133,287,4165,286
1179 DATA 185,48,133,286,165,287,185,8133,287,282,288,212,96
1189 FOR I=1 TO 7:READ N:CIO%(I,I)=CHR%(N):NEXT I 1190 DATA 104,164,104,170,76,86,228 1170 DAIA 104,194,194,170,76,86,228 1200 RETURN 1210 A\$="PIXMIX":DIM X(6),Y(6),C(2):GRAPHICS 2:POKE 710,0:N=0 1220 POKE 708,66:POKE 709,216:POKE 711,148 1230 C(0)=0:C(1)=32:C(2)=160 1240 FOR I=1 TO 6:X(I)=5+INT(RND(0)*10):Y(I)=INT(RND(0)*10) 1240 FOR I=1 TO 6:X(I)=5+INT(RND(0)*10):Y(I)=INT(RND(0)*10)
1250 POSITION X(I),Y(I):PRINT #6;CHR*(ASC(A*(I,I))+C(N)):N=N+1
1260 IF N=3 THEN N=0
1270 NEXT I
1280 B=1:FOR I=1 TO 6
1290 X=X(I):Y=Y(I)
1300 SOUND 1,X(I)*4,10,8:SOUND 2,Y(I)*4,10,8
1310 IF Y(I)>5 THEN Y(I)=Y(I)-1:B=0
1320 IF Y(I)>5 THEN Y(I)=Y(I)+1:B=0
1330 IF X(I)>I+6 THEN X(I)=X(I)-1:B=0
1330 IF X(I)>I+6 THEN X(I)=X(I)-1:B=0
1350 POSITION X,Y:PRINT #6;CHR*(32);:POSITION X(I),Y(I):PRINT #6;A*(I,I)
1350 POSITION X(I),Y(I):A=ASC(A*(I,I)):PRINT #6;CHR*(A+C(N))
1370 N=N+1:IF N>2 THEN N=0
1380 NEXT I:IF B=0 THEN 1280
1390 POKE 752,1:POKE 657,13:PRINT "PUZZLE MACHINE"
1400 POKE 657, PRINT "Copyright 1986 Jeff Brenner":POKE 53768,1
1410 FOR I=1 TO 36
1420 N=PEEK(711):POKE 711,PEEK(709):POKE 709,PEEK(708):POKE 708,N
1430 NEXT I:PRINT :POKE 657,15:PRINT "STAND BY...";
1440 SOUND 1,0,0,0:SOUND 2,0,0,0 1250 POSITION X(I),Y(I):PRINT #6;CHR\$(ASC(A\$(I,I))+C(N)):N=N+1

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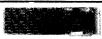


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